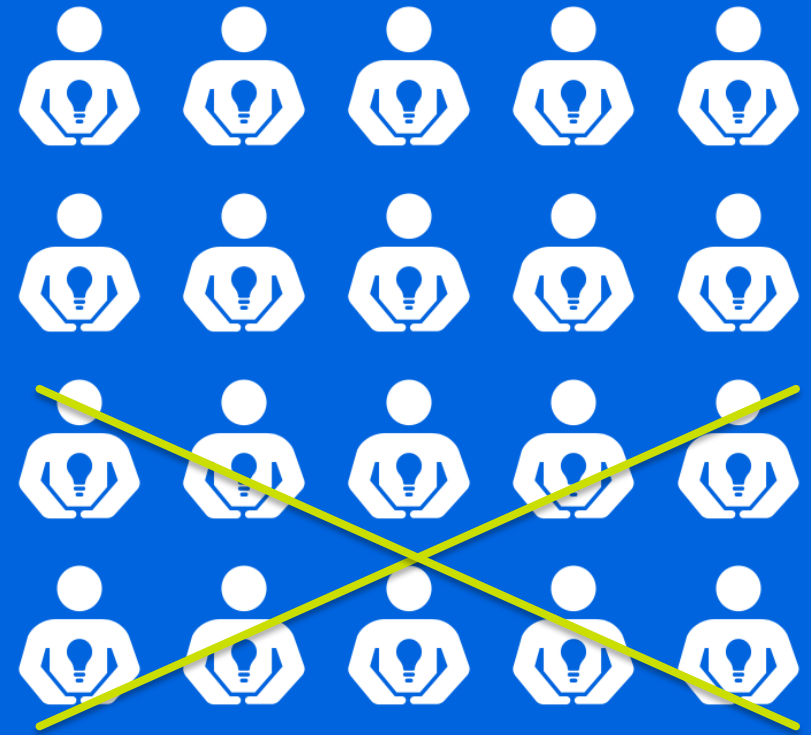


# Inventor Assistance Program

In some countries, more than half of *pro se* applicants  
**are abandoned before**  
substantive examination

Their applications get rejected  
purely based on formalities



# Inventor Assistance Program



Get selected by a national screening board, based on income and invention

Get matched with a local volunteer to navigate the patent system

Work together  
To increase the odds of getting a patent at home & abroad

50+  
granted patents



operates in 9 countries



# THE RIGHT ECOSYSTEM FOR THE IAP

established culture of innovation



low success rate of local innovators



established patent profession



local partner & supportive institutions



## THE COUNTRY'S ROLE



### national authority

serves as the focal point for the program in the country coordinating promotion, answering questions from inventors and volunteers, and interfacing with WIPO



### screening board

selects IAP applications and gets early notification of promising inventions. Composed of various stakeholders from the patent office, R&D, and government

# How inventors qualify for the IAP

basic  
knowledge  
of the  
patent system

demonstrated  
via online course

income  
level

*varies by country*

roughly ~3X  
poverty level

eligible  
invention

*e.g.* potential  
commercial  
impact

local resident  
of an IAP  
country

Chile  
Colombia  
Ecuador  
Kenya  
Morocco  
Philippines  
Singapore  
South Africa  
Peru

# How Member States can join the IAP

*Send a letter of intent agreeing to abide with the Guiding Principles to WIPO with the following:*



statistics that illustrate potential for success

- *# of local applicants who file without representation*
- *% of these applicants whose applications are rejected on procedural grounds (e.g. formalities, abandonments, failure to request exam)*



identify who will support the IAP within your country

- *a national focal point, responsible for day-to-day management*
- *composition of a national screening board to evaluate applications*
- *supporting groups for patent searching and volunteers*



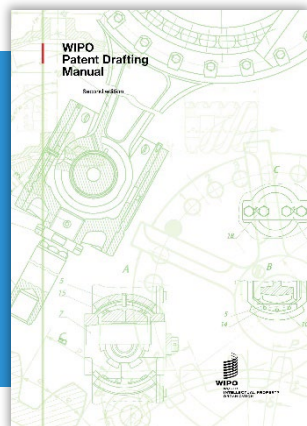
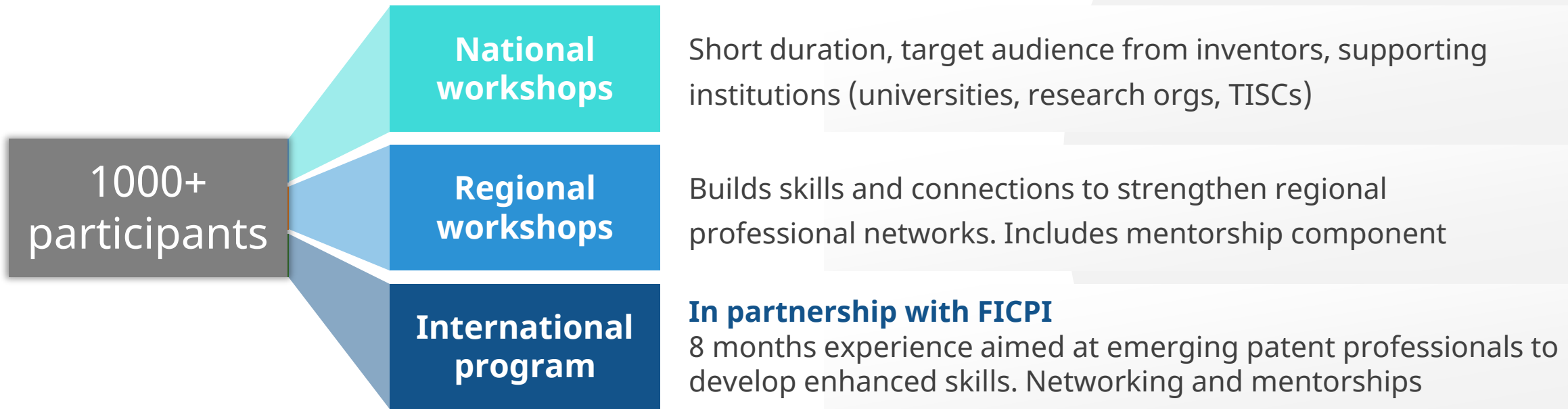
who will use the program and how will they find out about it

- *eligibility criteria to access the program*
- *a commitment and plan for promoting the IAP nationally*

# Patent Drafting

# WIPO Patent Drafting Programs

*Developing skilled professionals who can translate ideas into valuable assets*



Patent Drafting Manual (2<sup>nd</sup> ed)  
claims and specifications drafting  
in multiple jurisdictions

Coming  
soon

Exercise Book  
Practice in different technical areas.



# Key advantages of the Program

- Hands-on experience
- Multi: technology and jurisdiction approach
- Combination of online and in person components
- International community: Network of expertise
- Increase the quality of local filings

**Registration opens in late 2024**

[https://www.wipo.int/patents/en/drafting/training\\_program.html](https://www.wipo.int/patents/en/drafting/training_program.html)



Want to improve your  
patent drafting skills?

in  
collaboration  
with



## International Patent Drafting Training Program

- 8 month, hands-on experience with an emphasis on mentoring
- designed for early career patent drafting professionals, patent agent candidates, and staff of institutions dealing with technology support
- IP offices can officially recognize the program through an MoU

### Phase 1

#### Drafting Basics

(9 weeks)

Fundamentals of drafting claims and the specification through facilitated discussions and exercises

April 10 – June 10, 2024

Online

### Phase 2

#### Live Workshop

(5 days)

Focused on improving technology-relevant patent drafting skills and practice in different jurisdictions

June 24-28, 2024

Geneva, Switzerland

### Phase 3

#### Mentoring

(9 Weeks)

Four (4) advanced patent drafting exercises in the participants' field of expertise

July 29 – September 30, 2024

Online



**WIPO**

# Incorporating the Program into your local innovation ecosystem through an MOU

Countries with MOUs will be considered:

- preferably for admission of candidates into the Program (among other factors)
- as locations for the live workshop of the International Program

Successful participants are awarded a certificate that can be used as proof for local recognition

## MOU OPTIONS

### TOWARDS ACCREDITATION

provide credits required to become a national patent agent or professional



### CONTINUING EDUCATION

as a part of an education requirement for national patent professionals



### PART OF A CERTIFICATION

provide a professional title that recognizes expertise in patent drafting.

